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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE NIACT 3625

INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (DIGGS, CHARLES)

SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS

1. THIS MORNING AS HE WAS RUSHING TO HEAR MACHEL'S SPEECH, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED ME TO TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR BOWDLER AND REQUEST HIGHEST SAG OFFICIALS TO GRANT LESLIE YATES, STAFF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, "SPECIAL PERMISSION" TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA IN ORDER TO ACCOMPANY AND ASSIST CONGRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS DURING HER TWO-DAY STAY IN PRETORIA/JOHANNESBURG AREA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SHE WAS A STAFF MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE AND THAT SHE HAD NEVER MADE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

2. I TELEPHONED THIS MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR BOWDLER WHO HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS CONVEYED DIGGS' REQUEST TO UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VAN DALSEN, EMPHASIZING URGENCY OF REPLY. VAN DALSEN PROMISED TO REPLY ASAP. (MRS. YATES WILL HAVE TO LEAVE WITH CODEL DIGGS ON 3:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME EAST AFRICAN FLIGHT TO NAIROBI, IF WE DO NOT GET PERMISSION FROM SAG BY 2:00 P.M.

3. CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS IS CARRYING LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN

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DIGGS TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER PROTESTING CODEL'S EXCLUSION

AND, ACCORDING TO DIGGS, PLANS TO RELEASE SAME TO PRESS,
PROBABLY AT HER PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR 4:30 P.M.,
FRIDAY JUNE 27. TEXT OF LETTER, WHICH AMBASSADOR BOWDLER HAS,
BUT MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGED, IS BEING CABLED BY UY IN SEPTEL.
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